



GARTON ON THE WOLDS C.E. (V.C.) SCHOOL

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Monday 28th February 2022

Dear Parent/Carers,

I hope you all had an enjoyable and restful half-term break.

It has been lovely to welcome all the children back into school today and we look forward to an exciting half-term ahead. As always, the children have quickly settled into their normal school routines.

Please find below an update on Covid-19 and then some general school updates/information.

Covid-19

As you will be aware, Boris Johnson has now eased many Covid-19 restrictions across the country and last week he announced his 'Living with Covid' plan. Below is an outline of what this means for our school community.

- Children will be able to resume mixing across school, including in the school hall and outside on the school field.
- There will continue to be regular cleaning of classrooms, washing/sanitising of hands and classrooms will continue to be well ventilated.
- The legal requirement to self-isolate following a positive test has now been removed. However, both adults and children are currently advised to stay home and avoid contact with other people for at least five days if they test positive for COVID-19. On the fifth and sixth day, if negative test results are returned, the individual can cease staying at home and return to school. If they do not return negative test results on the 5th or 6th day, they are strongly advised to stay home until they have returned two negative test results. Regardless of tests results, they can return to school on the 11th day as long as they do not have a high temperature.
- Close contacts of any positive case in school will not be asked to carry out 7-day LFD testing. Contact tracing has now ended.

LFD tests continue to be available free of charge to the public, however from Friday 1st April free LFD testing for the majority of the public will cease and any tests will need to be purchased.

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We will continue to keep you updated on any changes to Covid-19 guidance; we are expecting further changes on the 1st April.

House System

In January, we relaunched our 'House System' that had been in place prior to the Covid-19 pandemic. Every child in school has been allocated to one of four Houses. The Houses, which were chosen by children in school, are:

- Saturn
- Jupiter
- Neptune
- Mercury

Each week children can earn House points for various reasons and these are then collected and totalled every Friday. The winning House for the week is then revealed in our Celebration Collective Worship. At the end of the term, the House with the most points will receive a special prize.

Throughout the year we will be holding a number of 'House Mornings' where the children gather in their Houses to take part in a range of different activities. This year we have had two 'House Mornings' so far – one linked with Chinese New Year and one where the children planted trees linked to our Christian Values.

Christian Values and Collective Worship

Each week, as a school community, we focus on one of our seven Christian Values. These are: Perseverance, Hope, Respect, Thankfulness, Tolerance, Forgiveness and Friendship.

These values are promoted in all aspects of school life and we encourage children to demonstrate these values in school and outside of school.

We also hold daily worship in school, where our Christian Values are promoted. The current timetable for Collective Worship is:

Monday – Rev Anderson
Tuesday – Open the Book
Wednesday – Father David
Thursday – Led by a member of teaching staff
Friday – Celebration with Mr Baxter

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World Book Day

We will be celebrating World Book Day this Friday (4th March). On this day, we will be encouraging children to come to school dressed as their favourite book character. The children will also be taking part in various activities based around the enjoyment of reading.

There will be a prize for the best costume in each class.

Fairtrade Fortnight

This week we will be taking part in Fairtrade Fortnight. Every year, at end of February and start of March, thousands of individuals, companies and groups across the UK come together to share the stories of the people who grow our food, mine our gold and who grow the cotton in our clothes; these people who are often exploited and underpaid.

This week, children will be taking part in various activities linked with Fairtrade. A Fairtrade breakfast will be held in school on Friday 4th March. We will also be holding a Fairtrade tuck shop during the week, along with various teaching activities linked to Fairtrade.



Good to be Green

We continue to use our Good to be Green behaviour system across school. It allows recognition for children who behave appropriately, whilst keeping track of children who find it harder to meet the school's behaviour expectations. It is a fair and consistent approach and ensures that all children know the rules and behaviour expected in school regardless of what classroom they are in or who is teaching them.



Seesaw

We will continue to use the Seesaw app for parents to contact class teachers. Any enquiries related to your child's learning or general queries about the class (i.e. PE Days, reading books) should be sent through Seesaw. Any general school queries (school dinners, school events, child absence) should be directed to the school office, via e-mail or phone. Class teachers are normally on the playground at the start/end of the school day as well.

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PE Days

On PE days, children in Classes 2, 3, 4 and 5 should come to school in their PE kit. Please see below a reminder of PE days for the Spring Term. Class 1 should bring their PE kit in a bag to get changed into.

Class 1	PE kit to be in school all week.
Class 2	Wednesday & Friday
Class 3	Wednesday & Friday
Class 4	Tuesday & Thursday
Class 5	Tuesday & Thursday

Breakfast Club and After School Club

Both Breakfast Club and After School Club continue to be available during term time.

Breakfast Club is available from 7:45am until 8:55am.

- From 7:45am (including breakfast) £5.00
- From 8:00am (including breakfast) £3.00
- From 8:30am (excluding breakfast) £1.50

After School Club is available from 3:30pm until 5:00pm.

- 3:30pm – 4:00pm £2.00
- 3:30pm – 4:30pm £3.00
- 3:30pm – 5:00pm £4.50

Please ensure you have completed the booking form prior to your child attending the clubs or you have made contact with the School Office to arrange a booking.

Many thanks for your continued support. We will be sending out further correspondence in due course outlining key diary dates for the term ahead.

Take care,

J Baxter

Mr J Baxter
Executive Headteacher

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